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## SECOND THOUGHTS IN BRITAIN

(From The New York Times)

Are intellectual spokesmen for the British Labor party beginning to view nationalization experiments with skeptical eyes and even to wonder whether progress has not been too fast and too far? An affirmative answer is suggested by the current issue of The Political Quarterly, whose entire contents—nine articles—discuss the Labor Government's administration of the coal industry, the gas and electricity supply, the railroads, road haulage and passenger services, docks and inland waterways, the import and disposal of raw cotton, air carriers, the Bank of England, and the raising of ground nuts. One of the contributors, Sir Arthur Salter, says his general political outlook is now nearer to the Right than to the Left on current issues of controversy. But the other contributors are on the Left. Hence the significance of their doubts and criticisms.

Several writers complain that there is no clear division of responsibility between ministers and the the governing boards of the public corporations, that the correct balance between government interference and corporate autonomy has not been achieved, and that there is far too much centralization. "The difficult problem of ministerial responsibility and parliamentary control in relation to public corporations has not been solved," says Ernest Davies in an article which (it is carefully noted) was written before he became a member of the Ottlee Government.

Consultative committees and councils set up in connection with nationalized industries have proliferated in a confusing fashion. But the consumer has little confidence in bodies which are supposed to advise administering authorities of the reactions of the consuming public and then to explain to the public the reasons why the authorities have taken certain actions. "The country is becoming littered with various committees of one sort or another and the standard seems to be declining." Prof. Arthur Lewis complains that the public corporations have not thought out their price policies, and Professors Sargant Florence and Gilbert Walker call for measures that will check "current and concrete threats to efficiency."

These doubts and fears come from writers who welcomed a large measure of socialization. Sir Arthur Salter addresses himself to the fundamental question of whether nationalization should ever be joyously embarked upon—the attitude of the Labor Government—or whether it should be tried only as a last resort. In private industry, he points out, small and even large units endure painful but salutary bankruptcies. In a nationalized industry there is no such safety valve, so that higher costs and poor service may impose increasing burdens on the general economy of the state till it comes to disaster as a whole.

Finally, Sir Arthur points out that one cannot excuse certain deficiencies in the administration of nationalized industries by maintaining that they are simply suffering from growing pains. On the contrary, the Labor Government's experiments have enjoyed advantages which cannot long continue. The national monopolies now constitute a great experimental laboratory, but the contributors to The Political Quarterly symposium do not assert their confidence that the laboratory workers are making great discoveries.

## TO COMBAT ROADSIDE DUMPING

(The Petersburg Progress-Index)

One of Virginia's many new laws which should be fully publicized is an act of the 1950 General Assembly making it a misdemeanor to dump trash, garbage, and other debris on state right-of-way or on private property within sight of the highway without written consent of the owner.

The Lynchburg News hails it as another contribution to keeping Virginia's highways sightly and quotes a spokesman for the highway department as saying it has already been helpful although the law does not become effective until July 1. Present regulations make dumping on the right-of-way illegal and punishable by fines ranging up to $100, but the new law creates a stronger instrument for dealing with the offense.

The News also describes a constructive approach which has been taken by garden clubs and other groups of citizens in some counties. They have been instrumental in providing public dumps for the disposition of trash, which has the effect of reducing the temptation to press rights-of-way and other roadside property into use.

Such facilities are in order and must be valuable for those who have quantities of trash which they say how to dispose of, but even where they are not available, strict enforcement of the new legislation will be in order. We have a suspicion the people who are willing to turn highways into dumps are the same people who would not take a little trouble to make a better disposition of it.

Ministers decide to keep troops in Western Germany.

## SAVINGS

Commerce Dep't. reports Americans now are saving an average of $10.70 out of every $100 of their income after taxes. Less than a year ago the savings, per American totaled $6.20 out of every $100. Before the war it was only $5 per $100. -Milwaukee Journal.

Television is bringing members of many families together, but with so little light in the living room they still havent become acquainted with one another. - The Cincinnati Enquirer.

The real secret of how to use time is to pack it as you would your luggage, filling up the small spaces with small things. -Quoted in Wesley News.

Two and 1-2 acres of productive land are necessary to maintain a decent economic and dietary standard for one person. Yet in some parts of the world, the available land is down to 3-4 of an acre per capita. -Pan-American Union, INS.

Life is a mirror: If you frown at it, it frowns back; if you smile, it returns the greeting. -William M. Thackeray.

It is estimated that at least one half of the American population uses some form of coin-operated device each week. -Townsen dNational Weekly.

The awkward age is not so much the age at which a person bumps into things as it is the age at which a person doesn't know what he is bumping into. -Club Bulletin.

A man's reputation is a blend of what his friends, enemies and acquaintances say behind his back. - Pure Globe.

## HOMEMAKERS' ITEMS

Treat your rayon curtains as gently as possible if you want them to wear well. It is generally best to wash them by hand in lukewarm water using a mild soap or synthetic detergent. Rinse very carefully until you are sure the soap has all been removed, and squeeze out the water gently. Roll the material in a turkish towel, and press while damp with a medium warm iron. Iron lengthwise for best results in keeping the curtains in shape.

If you plan to do some landscape planning for your home this spring, be careful in selecting your plants. The plantings around your house are the most important ones.

Be particularly careful in selecting shrubs for around the windows and doors. Keep plants low beneath windows. Doors, on the other hand, usually look best with taller shrubs on either side.

Don't try to jam the candle into the candlestick holder. If you're having trouble placing the candle, dip the ends that fit into the cup in a little hot water for a few seconds. Then place them in the holders. The warm water makes the candle more pliable, and it fits into place easily.

Puritan meeting is told that state needs more pasture.

President Truman declares that the Soviets seek world rule.

Federal reports indicate that the national employment outlook is very good. Increase seen for the year over 1949 totals.

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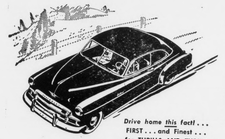

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...e services at Central Baptist ... Sunday evening.

...Henry Fleshman was the ... Saturday evening of Mrs. D. ...gh.

...r. Wooldridge visited Saturday ...son with Miss Estelle Wool... and family.

...and Mrs. E. N. Joy, of Rich... were the week-end guests of ...parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. ...an and Mr. and Mrs. E. N. ...

...and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited ...Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh at ...Friday afternoon.

...and Mrs. Carter Martin and ...ter, Mary Lou, visited with ...and Mrs. Jimmie Pierce at ...lle Friday evening.

...and Mrs. Russell Cordell were ...chburg on business Monday.

## S. FANNIE GILLIAM

...s. Fannie Cary Gilliam, 86, ...Tuesday, May 9, at a nursing ...ear Pamplin after an extend... ...ness. Funeral services were ...Thursday at Beals Memorial ...terian Church, Pamplin, at ...Interment was in the church ...tery. Mrs. Gilliam was the wife ...e late John W. Gilliam. She is ...ed by two daughters, Mrs. T. ...gon, of Pamplin, and Mrs. B. ...ry, of Darlington Heights, and ...on, W. M. Gilliam, of Charlotte, ...

## ...NGAGEMENT

...e engagement of Miss Clein... ...ane Maxwell, daughter of Mr. ...Mrs. R. C. Maxwell, to Mr. Lee ...rt Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. ...er R. Glenn, has been announ... The wedding will take place ...time in June.

## ...ural Ministers ...an Conference

...URAL MINISTERS TO MEET ...T VPI IN JULY

...s 21st Summer School for Ru... Ministers will be held at V. P. I. ...10 to 14, B. L. Hummel, Ex... on rural sociologist at the col... announces.

...e school is sponsored by V. P. ...ed by the Rural Church Depart... of the Virginia Council of ...rches, of which Hummel is head. ...t appears each morning on the ...ram are Professor J. P. Schmidt ...hio State University and Dr. ...R. Lyon of Harvard Seminary. ...heduled to speak on Thursday ...ning, July 13, is Minor C. Mill... Richmond, executive secretary of ...Virginia Council of Churches. ...mel is scheduled to speak on ...rsday evening.

...nother feature of the School will ...discussions of the programs of ...ing rural churches in Virginia. ...ors of the churches to be dis... ...ed are: Rev. A. B. Berry, Char... City; Rev. Marshall Walker, Ap... ...ton; Rev. W. G. Forbes, Dun... ...and Rev. Murray Wagner, ...ver's Cave.

...ours, informal conferences and ...cussion are being planned for ...rnoon sessions.

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## Uncle Sam Says

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## Oakville

Oakville, May 10.- Mrs. Herman Harding, Miss Jean Harding, Garland Harding and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wooldridge visited relatives in Hopewell, Petersburg and Richmond on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gunter, of Roanoke spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson, of Lynchburg visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Doss Sunday.

Little "Al" Marsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marsh underwent an operation at the Virginia Baptist Hospital last Sunday. He is getting along nicely at this time.

Little Marshall Wayne Doss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Doss, who has been a patient at a hospital in Lynchburg for the past week, is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Wortley Taylor and children, of Kingsport, Tenn., visited Mrs. E. B. Martin last week-end.

The "Dorcas" Class of the Red Oak Baptist Church will sponsor a box supper on May 19. It will be held at the school, for the benefit of the building fund.

Little Charles Wilkerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilkerson, has been sick for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin and daughters, Alice Walker, Barbara and Geraldine; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Martin motored over the Skyline Drive and to Natural Bridge Sunday.

Mrs. India Scott spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. C. H. Coleman, who is much better after having suffered for sometime with a broken arm.

Appomattox Green Sox to play House of David baseball team here tonight, 8 o'clock at the Lee Theatre park.

Phone 30 with Personals.

## Wild Turkey Production Up

Unless the unforeseen happens, and barring accidents, Virginia sportsmen should see their wild turkey production boosted by 25 per cent this year, so announced officials of the Virginia Game Commission today.

According to Chester F. Phelps, chief of the Commission's Game Division, the wild turkeys at the Cumberland Game Farm are giving good egg production, and if all goes well the number of birds raised this year should amount to 1,500 birds.

The Virginia system of propagating wild turkeys is unique in the country. Turkey hens, from the previous year's production, are taken to fenced-in enclosures in various areas where native wild gobblers are known to frequent. Here they mate with the wild gobblers that enter the pens through an ingenious system of gates which provides easy access for the strutting toms on the outside, but through which the hens cannot escape.

This method of propagation, while limiting the number of birds which can be successfully produced, officials said, insures turkeys of the finest possible quality and with the high degree of wildness necessary for successful restocking.

Today more than 30 of Virginia's 100 counties are closed to wild turkey hunting because of the scarcity or complete absence of this grand game bird. The most desirable of these counties from the standpoint of suitable habitat (food and cover) are being systematically stocked as the birds are produced. Plantings are made only where there is no native brood stock present and where the wild turkey season is closed for at least 5 years.

Officials said that counties already stocking these qualifications can absorb the output of the Game Farm for several years.

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